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1. MALAWI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM PRESIDENT BANDA DOWNWARD CONTINUE TO AFFORD HIGH PRIORITY TO DRUG ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY.

PRESIDENT BANDA NOT INFREQUENTLY CITES EXCESSES, INCLUDING DRUGS,
AMONG PROBLEMS AFFECTING DEVELOPED NATIONS AND CATEGORICALLY STATES
MALAWI WILL NOT REPLICATE THEIR EXAMPLE. HENCE TRAVELLERS IN
MALAWI ARE CLOSELY SCRUTINIZED BY POLICE AND SECURITY OFFICIALS
AND THOSE VIOLATING MALAWI'S STERN DRUG LAWS ARE SEVERELY DEALT
WITH. GOM ATTITUDE RE DRUGS IS WELL KNOWN IN THIS AREA OF
CONTINENT AND, WE BELIEVE, CONSTITUTUES DETERRENT AGAINST MALAWI
BECOMING A MECCA FOR DRUG USERS.

2. EMBASSY MAINTAINS LIAISON WITH MALAWI POLICE OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR DRUG ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING CHIEF OF DRUG SECTION TRAINED UNDER AID AUSPICES. WE ANTICIPATE THIS LIAISON MAY IN NEAR FUTURE RESULT IN GOM REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING OR OTHER ASSISTANCE, WHICH WE HOPE DEPT/AID WILL BE PREPARED PROVIDE. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD SEE MERIT IN VISIT BY HIGH-RANKING MALAWI POLICE OFFICIAL IN CONTEXT OF EXECUTIVE PROGRAM CONFIDENTIAL

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